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(PCT Rule 61.2)

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To:

Commissioner  
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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 14 February 2002 (14.02.02)	
International application No. PCT/IL00/00473	Applicant's or agent's file reference 00/20339
International filing date (day/month/year) 04 August 2000 (04.08.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 12 August 1999 (12.08.99)
Applicant INBAR, Michael et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

05 March 2001 (05.03.01)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was  
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer Anne KARKACHI Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38
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## PCT COOPERATION TREATY

**PCT****NOTIFICATION CONCERNING  
AMENDMENTS OF THE CLAIMS****(PCT Rule 62 and  
Administrative Instructions, Section 417)**

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**INTERSAVING LTD. et al**

The International Bureau hereby informs the International Preliminary Examining Authority that no amendments under Article 19 have been received by the International Bureau (Administrative Instructions, Section 417).

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## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF  
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(PCT Rule 24.2(a))

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 18 September 2000 (18.09.00)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference 00/20339	International application No. PCT/IL00/00473

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below.

Name(s) of the applicant(s) and State(s) for which they are applicants:

INTERSAVING LTD. (for all designated States except US)

INBAR, Michael et al (for US)

International filing date : 04 August 2000 (04.08.00)

Priority date(s) claimed : 12 August 1999 (12.08.99)

29 October 1999 (29.10.99)

Date of receipt of the record copy  
by the International Bureau : 18 August 2000 (18.08.00)

List of designated Offices :

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## NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF RECORD

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 18 September 2000 (18.09.00)	<b>IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION</b>
Applicant's or agent's file reference 00/20339	International application No. PCT/IL00/00473

**ATTENTION**

The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.

In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:

- ☒ time limits for entry into the national phase
- ☐ confirmation of precautionary designations
- ☒ requirements regarding priority documents

A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.

## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 00/20339	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/IL00/00473	International filing date (day/month/year) 04 AUGUST 2000 (04.08.2000)	Priority date (day/month/year) 12 AUGUST 1999 (12.08.2000)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): G06K 15/00; G06F 7/20 and US Cl.: 235/383, 380, 375		
Applicant INTERSAVING LTD.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>		
Date of submission of the demand 05 MARCH 2001 (05.03.2001)	Date of completion of this report 14 MARCH 2002 (14.03.2002)	
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703)305-3230	Authorized officer ERIC W STAMBER Telephone No. 703-305-3900	

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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/IL00/00473

## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

☒ the international application as originally filed.

☒ the description:

pages 1-26 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ the claims:

pages 27-36 as originally filed

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ the drawings:

pages 1-4 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages NONE

☐ the claims, Nos. NONE

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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## V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-47</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-47</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-47</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

### 2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-47 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest automatically granting bonus points to a user at a retail terminal.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/IL00/00473

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06K 15/00; G06F 7/20

US CL : 235/383,380,375

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 235/383,380,375

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim
A	US 5,905,246 A (FAJKOWSKI) 18 MAY 1999 (18.05.1999), entire document	1-42, 44-47
A	US 5,923,016 A (FREDREGILL et al) 13 JULY 1999 (13.07.1999), entire document	1-42, 44-47
A	US 5,380,991 A (VALENCIA et al) 10 JANUARY 1995 (10.01.1995), entire document	1-42, 44-47

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

\* Special categories of cited documents:

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art

"&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

01 DECEMBER 2000 (01.12.2000)

Name and mailing address of the ISA/US

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Date of mailing of the international search report

08 JAN 2001

Authorized officer

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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claim Nos.: 43  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:  
Claim 43 recites "The system of claim 41, wherein said vendor system". There is no antecedent basis for a vendor system in claim 41 or claim 37.
3. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT  
OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

To:  
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FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

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04 AUGUST 2000 (04.08.2000)

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Applicant  
INTERSAVING LTD.

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.  
**Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:**  
The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

**When?** The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompany sheet.

**Where?** Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO  
34, chemin des Colombettes  
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland  
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.
3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:
- ☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- ☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:
- Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in rules 90 bis 1 and 90 bis 3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.
- Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).
- Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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Remark on Protest

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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

A system for granting bonus point to a plurality of consumers is provided. The system includes: (a) at least one database server (12) being configured so as to grant a predetermined value of bonus points upon indentifying information pertaining to a product; (b) at least one checkout register system (14) being for providing said information pertaining to said product upon purchase of said product; and (c) a plurality of user clients (16) each being capable of independently communicating with said at least one database server (12) and said at least one checkout register system (14), each of said plurality of user clients (16) being operable by a user and being for relaying said information pertaining to said at least one database server (12) so as to grant the user with said predetermined value of bonus points.